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Closing of USAID/Guyana Mission in FY 2012

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) plans to close its Mission in Guyana in Fiscal Year 2012 as part of its worldwide strategy, in a tight budgetary environment, to be more efficient in the management of its aid resources.

The closing of the mission does not signal the end of USAID's relationship with Guyana. The United States Government, including USAID, will continue to remain involved in working with the government and people of Guyana to respond to key development challenges.

USAID and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) manage the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (PEPFAR) program in Guyana, which focuses on reducing HIV transmission, mitigating the impact of illness, and strengthening the public healthcare system. Guyana will also continue to participate in and benefit from the U.S. Government's regional citizen security program, the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), focused on responding to the causes of crime and violence. The management of these programs will be transferred to USAID's Caribbean Regional Mission in Barbados to take advantage of efficiencies of scale.

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